

**Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
Bureau of Water**

***NOTICE
of
Draft Total Maximum Daily Load for
Vermont City Reservoir/Sugar Creek
Watershed
(McDonough, Fulton, and Schuyler Counties)
and
Public Comment Period***

**Public Notice Beginning Date:
Public Notice Ending Date:**

**February 7, 2019
March 8, 2019**

The purpose of this public notice is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the draft Phase II Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study concerning impairments to Vermont City Reservoir/Sugar Creek Watershed.

The potential causes of impairment for Vermont City Reservoir (IL_RDM) are Atrazine, and Phosphorus Total (TP). Potential cause of impairments for Sugar Creek (IL_DH-01) is Fecal Coliform.

The draft report includes watershed characterization, data analysis, and pollutant loading capacity analysis that have been used to determine the reductions necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards. Also included is an implementation plan designed to meet the reductions needed.

IEPA implements the TMDL program in accordance with Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. A TMDL is the calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant allowed to enter a waterbody so that the waterbody will meet and continue to meet water quality standards for that particular pollutant. A TMDL determines a pollutant reduction target and allocates load reductions necessary to the source(s) of the pollutant.

The public is encouraged to provide input on the draft TMDL report including potential Best Management Practice (BMP) projects that could be included as part of the implementation plan in the final draft Phase II report.

The draft Phase II TMDL report for Vermont City Reservoir/Sugar Creek Watershed is available on-line at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/Pages/general-notices.aspx>. A hard copy of the draft report is available for viewing at the Vermont Public Library, Astoria Town Hall, and Table Grove Village Hall during business hours. Questions and comments about the draft TMDL report should be directed to Abel Haile (see contact information below).

The public notice comment period will close on March 6, 2019. E-mail comments must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 6, 2019. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked no later than March 6, 2019 and mailed to:

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